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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1646
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q55589

Hideaki TADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/380,276

Group Art Unit: 1646

Confirmation No.: 2406

Examiner: E. O'Hara

Filed: August 27, 1999

For: NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES, DNAs ENCODING THE SAME AND USE THEREOF

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2002. The examiner set a three month period for response. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for a three-month extension of time, making the due date for response December 17, 2002.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

8. (Twice amended) A method for producing a polypeptide that comprises the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 4 or 8, or that comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 95% homology with the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 4 or 8, which

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